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Report Highlights:

MY2003 Turkish cotton area remains unchanged while production is estimated slightly lower at 900,000 MT. The drop in production is due to adverse weather during the growing season. Domestic cotton consumption is expected to decline somewhat in MY2003 to 1.3MMT due to historically high world prices. MY2002 imports reached 494,122 MT of which sixty-four percent was imported from the U.S.

Includes PSD changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: Yes
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General summary

While the MY2003 Turkish cotton area estimate is unchanged at 710,000 hectares, production is now estimated slightly lower at 900,000 MT. The yield has reportedly been adversely affected by the weather conditions in some regions. In the Aegean region, heavy rains during the growing season caused some fields to flood and in the Hatay region, rains did not permit collection of the third picking and some cotton is reported to remain in the field.

Domestic consumption in MY2003 is estimated to be 1.3 MMT compared to 1.37 MMT in MY2002. Turkish mills that expected world prices eventually to decline did not act timely and sign purchase contracts before prices actually went up. Unfavorable exchange rates also worked against the industry during the first three months of the MY2003. The relatively high-valued Turkish Lira made Turkish textile exports uncompetitive and imported yarn and garments more attractive. Large amounts of low-priced cotton yarn and undyed garments were reportedly imported from India, Pakistan and China. Additionally, some local firms are already reported to replaced cotton with man-made fibers as raw material.

MY2002 cotton imports reached 493,104 MT, significantly less than last year's record level of 624,000 MT, but higher than early season estimates. The sharp decline in imports is attributed to local mills utilizing their carry over stock from the previous year in which they over-bought to take advantage of historically low U.S. and world prices. Low domestic cotton consumption due to lingering effects of the domestic economic crisis also led to a large carry over. While total imports decreased, however, U.S. cotton's market share increased as anticipated. Total imports from the U.S. reached 314,122 MT during MY2002 representing sixty-four percent of the total imports compared to fifty-two percent last year. Imports from other sources, i.e., Greece, Syria, CIS are down significantly.

PSD Table						
Country	Turkey					
Commodity	Cotton				(HECTARES)(MT)	
	2001	Revised	2002	Estimate	2003	Forecast
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]
Market Year Begin		08/2001		08/2002		08/2003
Area Planted	0	693000	0	700000	0	710000
Area Harvested	693000	693000	700000	700000	710000	710000
Beginning Stocks	192035	190152	315704	226147	236016	193925
Production	865463	865000	900082	910000	914452	900000
Imports	624440	624340	457226	493104	511657	450000
TOTAL SUPPLY	1681938	1679492	1673012	1629251	1662125	1543925
Exports	27216	28345	65318	65326	43545	40000
USE Dom. Consumption	1339018	1425000	1371677	1370000	1371677	1300000
Loss Dom. Consumption	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	1339018	1425000	1371677	1370000	1371677	1300000
Ending Stocks	315704	226147	236016	193925	246902	203925
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1681938	1679492	1673011	1629251	1662124	1543925

Import Trade Matrix			
Country	Turkey		
Commodity	Cotton		
Time period	MY2002	Units:	Metric tons
Imports for:	Aug/July		1
U.S.	314122	U.S.	
Others		Others	
Greece	77915		
Syria	28044		
Turkmanistan	24556		
Azerbaijan	7846		
Ethiopia	6601		
Egypt	5908		
Mersin Free Trade zone	4032		
Uzbekistan	3590		
Brazil	3450		
Benin	2813		
Total for Others	164755		0
Others not Listed	14227		
Grand Total	493104		0

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	Turkey		
Commodity	Cotton		
Time period	MY2002	Units:	Metric tons
Exports for:	Aug/July		1
U.S.		U.S.	
Others		Others	
Italy	12098		
Mersin Free Trade Zone	10122		
Portugal	6066		
Bengladesh	4586		
Germany	3202		
Kayseri Free Trade Zone	1754		
Belgium	1647		
Thailand	1126		
Czech Republic	1045		
Taiwan	925		
Total for Others	42571		0
Others not Listed	22755		
Grand Total	65326		0